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TAGS:

SUBJ: MALDIVIA PRIME MINISTER REMOVED

REF: COLOMBO 2000, JULY 17, 1974

1. MALDIVIAN AMBASSADOR HAS CONFIRMED REPORTS
IN TODAY'S CEYLON PRESS THAT PRIME MINISTER AHAMED ZAKI
OF THE MALDIVES HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

2. DIDI TOLD AMBASSADOR HE HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE
YESTERDAY FROM MALE INFORMING HIM THAT, AS OF
MARCH 6, PRESIDTT NASIR, IN ADDITION TO HIS
PRESIDENTIAL POWERS, HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MALDIVES UNDER ARTICLE 37
OF MALDIVIAN CONSITUION. (ARTICLE 37 READS:
QTE IN GIV EVENT OF EMERGENCIES CONFRONTING
THE STATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC SHALL
HAVE THE DISCRETION TO PROCLAIM TEOQORARY ORDERS
THAT DO NOT CONTRAVENE THE CONSTITUTION. END
QTE. BPDJ SAID SITUATION IN MALDIVES WAS NR
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3. CEYLON

OBSERVER THIS AFTERNOON REPORTS THAT ZAKI, TOGETHR WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL JALEEL, HAD BEEN UNDER ARREST AND CONFINED TO AN ISLAND. AIR MALDIVES AND SRI LANKA AIR FORCE REPORTEDLY ARE CONTINUING TO OPERATE BETWEEN COLOMBO AND MALE.

JB BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER SMEDLEYWVOKHO SCHEDULED VISIT MALE NEXT WEEKEND FOR TALKS ON GAN (LONDON 2947), TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT DIDI HAD INFORMED HIM THAT HE SHOULD PROCEED WITH VISIT.

5. COMMENT: UNCLEAR AT THIS POINT WHAT HAS CAUSED ZAKI'S DOWNFALL. AS REPORTED COLOMBO A-41, EMBASSY RECENTLY RECEIVED NOTE FROM MALDIVIAN MINISTRY EUXPOF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS INFORMING IT THAT MALDIVIAN PARLIMANET (MAJLIS) HAD RECOMMENED TO NAFBR, BY MAJORITY OF 38 VOTES, THAT ZAKI BE RE-NAMED TO POST OF PRIME MINISTER, A POSITION HE HAS HELD FOR SOME TIME. IN KEEPING WITH RECOMMENDATION OF MAJLIS NASIR REAPPOINTED ZAKINIS PRIME MINISTER ON FEBRUARY 23. YQSRI LANKA AIR FORCE CHIEF MENDIS,WHO CONNECTED WITH MALDIVES THROUGH SLAF'S OPERATION, TOLD EMBASSY MALDIVIAN BUSINSS MAGNATE ALI MANIKU, WHO HAS BEEN CLOSE TO MASIR, RETURNED TG MALDIVES RECENTLY AFTER VISIT ABROAD BUT WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT ALI MANIKU'S RETURN RELATED DIRECTLY TO ZAKI'S REMOVAL. MOST THAT CAN BE SAID AT THIS POINT IS THAT UNCERTAINTIES ON MALDIVIAN POLITICAL SCENE, WHICH IT ALSO SEEMS APPARENTLY THAT PRESIDENT NASIR CONTINUES HOLD EFFECTIVE POWER IN ARCHIPELOGO. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING ANY INFORMATION BROUGHT BACK BY BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER. VAN HOLLEN

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